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*The Stryker brigade combat team (SBCT) is designed to be a **full spectrum, early entry combat force**. It has utility in all operational environments against all projected future threats. It possesses significant utility for divisions and corps engaged in a major-theater war; however, the SBCT is optimized to meet the challenges of smaller-scale contingencies.*

This manual describes how the SBCT optimizes organizational effectiveness while balancing lethality, mobility, and survivability against requirements for rapid strategic deployability. The SBCT includes a cavalry squadron (reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition [RSTA]), intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) integration capability, imbedded human intelligence (HUMINT), psychological operations (PSYOP), civil affairs (CA), and robust combined arms infantry battalions. This manual provides the commander and staff with the tactics and techniques to exploit these elements and ensure the SBCT's versatility across the full range of potential requirements, from providing the security necessary to conduct stability operations during peacetime military engagements to conducting offensive and defensive operations in a major theater war against localized threats.

Although this manual does not implement any international agreements, the material presented herein is in accordance with related international agreements.

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